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As a citizen of the Great State of Montana I object to the idea that Montana's permitting

process needs fixing. How can that be when out of a total 3616 permits granted by DEQ

in the last fiscal year only three of them were appealed? As a member of the

conservation community in this state I've participated in many of the battles between

extractive industry and environmental groups. I would submit to you that anyone wanting

to amend or take away an individual's right to a clean and healthful environment is doing

a disservice to his fellow citizens and does not understand what it means to be a

Montanan or what draws many visitors and residents to our state in the first place.

Several of our very names conjure up images of nature, serene and protected for future

generations. Big Sky Country, Last Best Place,.

The people of Montana are smart. They understand the fundamental right and

responsibility of maintaining a clean and healthful environment. It strikes me that in

times like these we need to be even more careful and vigilant about protecting our natural

resources. This is no time to let down our guards, which is what I believe this legislation

is all about. Why should I make it easier for corporations to foul my air and water? Why

should I say, in the wake of what happened in ~~Idaho~~ <sup>Tenn.</sup>, that it is ok....corporations have my

best interests at heart and they will self-regulate? That it is OK for them to take away a

right I regard as inalienable? Finally, in 2009 we can say history taught us to know

better. We cannot trust the fox to guard the hen house.

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where they are significant  
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Members of the Committee, I strongly urge you to vote no on HB 483 and thank you for your time and thanks to my fellow opponents who have so eloquently expressed their

opposition to ~~this irrational bill~~.

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